

Minutes
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Thursday, April 25, 2013

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Pamela Melville, Chairperson, in the Sierra Room at the Reedley Community Center, 100 N. East Avenue, Reedley, CA 93654.

1. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**
 - A. Commissioners Present: Pamela Melville, Chairperson; Tom Brandt, Vice Chairperson; Kelly deJarnette; Stephen Penner; Traci Tucker.
 - B. Commissioners Absent: None.
 - C. Youth Representatives: Present – Rica Coria; Alejandra Ramos.
 - D. Staff Present: Joel Glick, Community Services Director; Sarah Reid, Community Services Superintendent; Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant.
 - E. Others Present: Jerry Linscheid and Forrest Brown representing YMCA; Modesto Torres representing NAJA Youth Basketball; Ryan Wood representing Immanuel Schools; Kim Ozuna, Reedley Boys & Girls Club.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner deJarnette, that the minutes of February 28, 2013 be approved. The motion carried.
3. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION** – None.
4. **ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**
 - A. Glick distributed the department's Expenditure and Revenue Reports. He is projecting an increase of \$3,000 in revenue for this year.
 - B. Glick asked for an emergency item to be added to the agenda due to the urgent nature of the issue – "Citizens Park Golfing and Model Airplane Signage."
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Review and Recommendation of Community Recreation Grants –**

Two applications were received for the three \$350 grants that were available – Reedley YMCA for their annual Pet and Storybook Parade and the Parks and Recreation Foundation for NAJA Youth Basketball. Both organizations were represented at the meeting, as required. Jerry Linscheid spoke for the YMCA, explaining that the Pet and Storybook Parade has been ongoing for 74 years. In addition to the individual entries, several larger groups participate, including Jefferson School CYM Choir, Premier Dance Studio, and after school programs. Modesto Torres created the NAJA Youth Basketball league is a free program for kids that can't afford other programs. Approximately 75-80 kids are currently

involved. They are hoping for 180-200 kids if the program expands to year round. Motion by Commissioner Brandt, seconded by Commissioner deJarnette to fund both of these organizations. Motion carried.

- B. **Development of Sports Fields at Cricket Hollow** – Ryan Wood of Immanuel Schools explained their need for alternate softball fields and grass areas for soccer practice. They currently practice at the old Windsor School which is very dangerous for their students and parents to pull out on El Monte Avenue. Immanuel has expressed interest in developing the City-owned dirt field in Cricket Hollow between the entrance road and the housing development. By developing this area they would be creating additional park space for the community, as well as created the needed fields within walking distance of their school. Some concerns Immanuel anticipates hearing from the community include noise, balls over the fence, and lights. The diamond will be laid out in a way to minimize balls over the fence. No lights will be planned for play after sundown. A public hearing will allow neighbors to voice their concerns during the planning process. Immanuel is working with PG&E move the two power poles that are in the middle of the field area. Motion by Commissioner Penner, seconded by Commissioner Brandt to recommend Immanuel and the City of Reedley pursue the planning and development process. Motion carried.
- C. **Recommendation to Approve Boys & Girls Club Agreement** – The current agreement with the Boys & Girls Club has expired. As this has been a beneficial agreement for both the City and Boys & Girls Club, a new agreement has been drafted for the next two years. Kim Ozuna, the Reedley Director indicated they currently have 101 members. Motion made by Commissioner Brandt, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to recommend renewing the Boys & Girls Club agreement. Motion carried.
- D. **Citizens Park Golfing and Model Airplane Signage** – Golfing and flying model airplanes has been reported at Citizens Park. As this is against the Reedley Municipal Code, the Commission discussed ways that the public could be made aware of these restrictions. One suggestion was to put up signs around the park indicating that these activities are prohibited. Another idea was to post the Municipal Code that relates to parks in a kiosk, possibly on the side of the snack bar/restroom building. Commissioner deJarnette suggested posting “Summer Safety Awareness” on the city’s website, in the local paper and on our Facebook page. She indicated that a variety of summer safety issues could be addressed, including the rules concerning parks. The Commission didn’t like the idea of putting signs all over the park. The marquee that is posted near Parlier Avenue isn’t visible enough for people to read it there. They felt a new marquee posted on the snack bar/restroom building would be more visible. Staff will pursue the “Summer Safety Awareness” idea.

6. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

- A. **Rica Coria** – She volunteered at the Easter Egg Scramble where she helped in the prize basket game. There were so many kids who attended.

She continues to assist the tumbling instructor each week. She plans on assisting and bringing volunteers to the Reedley Police Department's Open House in May. Reported that she is helping to recruit students for next year's Youth Rep.

- B. **Alejandra Ramos** – Is planning to help at the Police Department's Open House in May. She is assigned to the temporary tattoo booth. She is visiting clubs and organizations on the RHS campus to recruit Youth Reps.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. **Joel Glick, Community Services Director**

- 1) Invited the Commission to the Airport Barbecue May 11, 2013.
- 2) Announced that at our next meeting he will go over the Community Service Department's 2013-14 Budget. He recently had a very good meeting with the City Manager about it.
- 3) Multiple projects are planned for the airport. Eight years of projects are listed. The first one will be the Airport Layout Plan that will go to City Council in June. Others include the Drainage Study and Security Fencing.

B. **Sarah Reid, Community Services Superintendent**

- 1) Junior Giants registration will start on Monday. All registration will be done online this year. Boys & Girls Club will assist parents on Tuesday and Thursday evenings between 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. for those that don't have internet access.
- 2) Rica Coria and Alex Ramos are actively trying to find their replacements for Youth Representatives. Recruitment is the whole month of May. Sarah announced that the Commission will say goodbye to the current reps and welcome the new ones at the June meeting.
- 3) Jr. Leader applications will be accepted in May. Two positions are available in our Summer Day Camp program. 13-15 year olds are eligible to apply. This is an unpaid position, but excellent work experience.
- 4) Reedley Police Department will hold their first annual Open House on May 16th. Our department is assisting with face painting, balloons, and the bounce house.
- 5) Kids to Park Day is May 18th, but we will celebrate this event with a Movie in the Park on Friday, May 17th. Staff registered this event with the national organization. KidZone from Redeemer's Church will provide the sound system and candy.
- 6) The first PreSchool raffle is currently underway. So far \$800 has been received. The raffle will be used as a way to offset the expenses in this program. Staff was directed by the Administration that this division should at least break even. All parents in the program are responsible for selling tickets to help support this program. Commissioners were very generous to buy some of the tickets. Youth Reps took tickets to sell.

- 7) Registration begins May 13th for most of our summer programs – Aquatics, Tumbling, Ballet, Summer Day Camp, etc.
- 8) Next school year will see some changes in the after school programs. Due to reduced reimbursement Save the Children will not return to TLReed School.
- 9) Lifeguard applications are coming in slowly. May need to recruit in other ways to get qualified applicants. It was suggested to call the RHS swim coach for referrals.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

A. **Commissioner Penner**

Asked about the development of the KCUSD pool. Glick indicated that the City Manager and KCUSD Superintendent are trying to fast track this project.

B. **Commissioner Tucker**

Suggested staff look into the Home Depot grant. She felt the application was fairly short. It's geared to things that benefit Veteran's. Not sure if it needs to be a non-profit that applies for it. Sarah Reid will look into it.

C. **Commissioner Melville**

Invited everyone to the upcoming Street Faire on May 4th & 5th.

9. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant

Pamela Melville, Chairperson

Joel Glick, Community Services Director

Next Meeting – Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.